GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1043
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2000
RELATIONS WITH SINGAPORE
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to improve bilateral relations with Singapore;

(b) whether the Indo-Singapore talks were held in this respect when the Prime Minister of Singapore visited New Delhi last;

(c) if so, the details of the offer made by the Prime Minister of Singapore;

(d) the response of the Indian Government thereto; and

(e) the various steps taken by both the countries to improve Indo-Singapore bilateral relations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)
(a) Yes, Sir
(b) Yes, Sir
(c) Prime Minister of Singapore during his visit to India from 17-22 January, 2000 expressed interest in stepping up bilateral cooperation in various fields particularly in the areas of Information Technology, Finance and Trade.
(d) The Government of India has also expressed it`s keen desire to expand bilateral relations with Singapore in various fields.
(e) India and Singapore have decided to set up two Joint Task Forcesfor stepping up cooperation in the fields of Information Technology and Finance.